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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Indonesian Situation  
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A counter move under the leadership of army Major General Suharto appears to have occurred in Indonesia. Only hours after the 30 September movement announced the membership of a leftist "Revolution Council," the Djakarta Domestic Radio announced that the "Indonesian army had retaken the Djakarta radio station, the 30 September movement is counter-revolutionary, Sukarno is safe, and the army is under the command of Major General Suharto."

Suharto is a somewhat questionable figure. He is deputy commander of the anti-Malaysia joint military command and has been generally regarded as apolitical and an opportunist. Events in the present situation so far, however, seem to indicate at least a strong service loyalty on his part.

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There is no news as to the whereabouts or condition of former Army Commander General Yani and little about Defense Minister General Nasution. One press item attributed the smashing of Lt. Colonel Untung's coup to Nasution but most items give credit to Suharto. The Djakarta radio has announced that Nasution is safe.

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Most reports on the two coups--that of the "30 September movement" and the counter coup of General Suharto--have commented that Sukarno is well and safe. A broadcast out of Kuala Lumpur states that he is dead, but this seems likely to be based in speculation.

The US Embassy in Djakarta commented early on 1 October that the possibility must not be ruled out that Sukarno may have died or suffered an attack which makes it impossible for him to run the government. Although there is no real evidence as to his condition, no announcement to date has been issued in Sukarno's name.

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